

## Message Text

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TAGS: PGOV, OTRA, ETEL, DR  
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER: VISIT OF SENIOR TELEPHONE  
COMPANY EXECUTIVE

REF SANTO DOMINGO 4880

1. IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER DESCRIBED ELSEWHERE, I MENTIONED THAT I UNDERSTOOD THAT A SENIOR TELEPHONE COMPANY EXECUTIVE PLANNED TO VISIT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NEXT WEEK AND SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM. (FOR DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND, THE LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, CANADIAN ASED WITH MAJORITY US CONTROL, IS SEEKING A RATE RAISE WHICH CANNOT BE PERMITTED PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS, THE COMPANY, THEREFORE, WILL HAVE TO ADOPT SOME AUSTERITY MEASURES, INCLUDING LAYOFFS, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS AN INCREASE CAN BE GRANTED.) I EXPLAINED THAT THE TELEPHONE COMPANY EXECUTIVE WAS NOT COMING TO PRESSURE GODR FOR RATE INCREASE BUT RATHER AS A COURTESY TO EXPLAIN TO HIM PLANNED AUSTERITY MEASURES BEFORE PUTTING THEM INTO EFFECT. THERE WAS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME ECONOMIC STEPS THAT GODR MIGHT TAKE SHORT OF A RATE INCREASE THAT COULD DIMINISH THE IMPACT OF THE AUSTERITY MEASURES.

2. BALAGUER REAFFIRMED HIS POSITION THAT A RATE INCREASE WAS WARRANTED BUT THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE AFTER THE ELECTIONS. HE AGREED TO RECEIVE THE TELEPHONE COMPANY EXECUTIVE.

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